

Our Communities, Our Forests

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THURSDAY * JUNE 18

11:00 – 11:30	Registration
11:30 – 11:50	Welcoming remarks
11:50 – 12:00	Documentary about growth in Montana <i>[Need to include title of documentary instead]</i>
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch Keynote: Governor Schweitzer
1:00 – 1:30	The Future of Western Forests: Why they matter? <i>Setting the Stage: An overview of current trends and challenges</i>
1:30 – 3:00	Living Responsibly with Our Forests: Forest Fragmentation and its Impacts <i>Presentations on:</i> <i>Wildfire in the wildland-urban interface</i> <i>Working forests and economic opportunities</i>
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:30	Changes in Forest Management: Challenges and Opportunities <i>Presentations on:</i> <i>The Montana Working Forest Project: How can this success be replicated?</i> <i>Combining Acquisition and Policy Approaches to Conservation</i> <i>The Landowner's Perspective on Forest Sales</i>
4:30 – 5:30	Tools to Support Our Communities and Forests <i>Panel Discussion on tools to support working forests and vibrant communities: Examples from Montana and the West.</i>
5:30 – 7:00	Reception (Location TBD)

FRIDAY * JUNE 19	7:30 – 8:15	Continental Breakfast
	8:00 – 8:15	Summary of Previous Day's Sessions
	8:15 – 9:45	Breakout Workshops on Tools: <i>Each workshop will provide an in-depth look at an innovative tool that has been used to protect working forests and vibrant communities in Montana or other Western states, including tips for implementation.</i>
	9:45 – 10:00	Break
	10:00 – 11:00	Charting the Future for Our Communities and Forests <i>Panel discussion of highlights from the breakout sessions, followed by questions from the audience.</i>
	11:00 – 11:30	Closing Remarks